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SUBJECT: U.S. PROPOSED METRIC STANDARDS OF FILL FOR WINE

1. LENG OF WASHINGTON EC DELEGATION DELIVERED FOLLOWING
NOTE TO EUR/RPE ON JUNE 14. BEGIN TEXT:

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2. THE DELEGATION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN

COMMUNITIES PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE PROPOSAL OF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES TO CHANGE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS REGARDING METRIC STANDARDS OF FILL FOR WINE, IN TITLE 27, PARA 4, OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, AND TO THE CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT BETWEEN TECHNICAL EXPERTS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND FOR THE COMMISSION, HELD IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 2, 1974.

THE DELEGATION IS INSTRUCTED TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES TO THE EXISTENCE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF A RECOGNIZED STANDARD BOTTLE SIZE OF 70 CENTILITRES, A SIZE THAT IS USED IN A SUBSTANTIAL VOLUME OF WINE TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE DELEGATION WISHES TO EXPRESS THE CONCERN OF THE COMMISSION THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PROPOSED REGULATORY CHANGES WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF CREATING A SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO TRADE AND TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES WILL BE ABLE TO ADAPT THEIR DRAFT REGULATIONS SO AS TO MEET THIS PARTICULAR CONCERN. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE) END TEXT.

3. DURING ENSUING CONVERSATION LENG DREW ATTENTION TO FACT THAT PROPOSED U.S. REGULATION WOULD NOT COVER MINATURES (.10 CENTILITRES). HE INDICATED THE BRITISH HAD RAISED THE PROBLEM AT A RECENT WASHINGTON HEARING ON BOTTLE SIZES.

4. IN RESPONSE, IT WAS SUGGESTED TO LENG THAT THE EC AND INTERESTED MEMBER STATES SHOULD FILE ANY ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTS OR VIEWS BEARING ON THE SUBJECT WITH TREASURY'S BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS BY COB AUGUST 12.

5. A RESPONSE TO THE EC'S NOTE IS BEING DRAFTED. SISCO

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